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EDITOR.

MRS. J. W. McCONNELL,  
Business Manager

We wish to draw the attention of the public to the Protestant Infirmary. That was the primary consideration when The Lexington Record made its first appearance. It met with a hearty reception from a generous public, and whenever it is noted that The Lexington Record donates to the Infirmary, we wish our patrons to consider the gift as a part of their subscriptions, to this beautiful and comfortable home where they will be carefully nursed by the tender hands of those trained in a knowledge of the schools, and where the board will be as moderate as can be obtained elsewhere. The aim of the Infirmary is to do the greatest good with the least expense possible to the sufferer who seeks its sheltering arms. Five dollars per week is the price of a very comfortable room and the attention bestowed is worth double that amount.

We call attention to the interesting report in this issue from the Y. M. C. A. This is the kind of record we wish from every society in the city. Please interest yourselves and co-operate with us in this plan.

The various ministers of the gospel in this city have expressed their full endorsement of our paper and its object. They will speak to their congregations in our behalf and help us to obtain subscribers.

We have no report this month from the W. C. T. U. work, or from the Church Societies and benevolent orders. Please furnish us a short notice every month, handing in your papers from the fifteenth to the twentieth. Address P. O. Box 375, or 185 S. Mill St. A commission of twenty per cent will be allowed on all clubs of ten or more subscribers at \$1 a year.

Our first number contains a sketch of the charitable and religious organizations of the city, with their officers.

### Special Notice.

The proceeds of the Lexington Record shall be applied exclusively to the charity patients at the Protestant Infirmary. This in-

situation is in its infant state and requires all the funds in the treasury to keep it in running order. Whoever lends a helping hand to the Record will, in just such measure as he gives, be caring for the sick, who have no other refuge when they need medical attention. These patients, be it remembered, are taken in from all sects and all walks in life.

### AUNT JEAN'S LETTER.

*A Stroll Among Pleasant Refuges.*

DEAR FRIENDS:—The Protestant Infirmary, which you now know to be such a haven for the suffering, has a fresh coat of pink kalsomine on the walls of the men's upper ward. The floors shine, and the snow-white beds are places of sweet rest indeed. The foundation is dug for the annex, and work is going on in all departments. The sweet-faced nurses are all out waiting upon the sick, at their own homes, all except nurse Maria, whose bright eyes and ready smile make her a very sunbeam. Such a sad case was lately in her charge. A young man who had had his leg injured a year ago, in the wheat field, was brought there suffering fearful agony. He had, from the first, refused to have amputation performed, but now he was obliged to yield. The physician told him his chance for life was, at best, a bare possibility, but without surgery, there was no hope. The Rev. Mr. Ward visited him daily, imparting spiritual healing to his soul wounded by the inroads of sin. When the day for the operation came the sufferer sent for the minister to baptize him, and then went to the surgeon's knife at peace with God and man. He lingered three days and then he lay still and pale in his winding sheet, neatly dressed, with pure white flowers in his hands. His two sisters came and bore him away on the sunny Sabbath day.

Mother Cronley gradually passed from the condition of hospital patient to that of mere infirmity, so she was removed to the Home of the Friendless, among the other old ladies who are so tenderly cared for. The afflicted foot I wrote you about is so far healed as to permit her to walk a little way at a time, and she bears the pressure of a slipper. May she go on to a perfect cure.

There has been no one, as yet in the Polly Monroe cot, but one baby patient has been in nurse Maria's charge in his father's luxuriant home. Little Robert was struck in the eye by a playmate, and a trouble arose which required just such hands and eyes and feet and head as were sent to him. How he loves her! He is going to send her his picture, that she may always remember her first baby patient.

Mrs. Bettie was not much better, yet it was deemed expedient to transfer her to St. Joseph's

Hospital, where there is more room for cases like hers.

Jennie, the pretty working girl, went away with her arm in a sling to the mother whose face she had longed to see when in such pain in her sunny attic chamber. At Nicholasville she met with the tidings that her mother was dead, and that her little sister Annie and brother Willie had been sent to an Orphan's Home. What a blow was that! Think, dear girls, how desolate Jennie must have felt. A helpless orphan on the threshold of life. The shock was bad for her and she is now back again at the retreat which none ever seem quite willing to leave. She sits with her right arm bound in soothing wraps. "How nice it was of you to put me in the paper," she said; "there have been several such sweet girls to read to me. They must have read about me." Then, her pale cheeks flushing, she said, pleadingly, "When I get well, won't you keep me to find a nice place to work?" Let us keep her case in view, friends.

The old paralytic down-stairs is so much better that he will remain in his present quarters some days yet. The younger man with malarial fever was discharged well, and if prudent will probably stay so. Father Morgan was so lonely in his terrible suffering that he was sent home to his wife and children, but Nurse Maria goes to him every day with her soothing remedies, and gives him all the comfort he can have while "only waiting." Dark is his earthly pilgrimage, but thanks be to the Divine Healer, whom he so confidently expects to meet in the bye-and-bye.

Mother Taylor flits about her household duties, always ready to do a good turn.

THE CHURCH HOME Does its steady, good work. Miss Patsy is well and busy. Miss Maggie, whose pallid face betokened an early release when I last wrote, has passed to the better land, where there shall be no more suffering. The end was peaceful, and one morning, in the bright September days, the sun rose just long enough to light her earthly path to the eternal light beyond when all was over. Her remains were borne by the faithful sister-nurse to Cynthia. The other inmates of this comfortable abode are about as usual.

The Home of the Friendless has had the addition of Mother Cronley, already mentioned. Aunt Patsy, the oldest of them all, has been very sick and could no longer cut carpet rags for Mother Steele's waiting fingers. These old ladies have made many yards of good carpet for the Home. Aunt Amy and Dick, down in the basement, are on better terms ever. He chatters and scolds like a parrot. Though the house was not exactly built for friendless chickens, Dick's claims are peculiar. Desereted by his mother, while yet imprisoned in

his shell, matron Mary's little girl found him and helped him to see the light. Thus prematurely ushered into the circle he has ever since asserted himself with precocious audacity.

#### THE ORPHANS' HOME

Is a most inviting abode in its clean, fresh paint. The rooms are all tidy, and one well fitted up, has pretty chairs and pictures and pegs for hats and a clean lavatory where the thirty children are daily refreshed. Dear Mother Frances, the matron, is stretched on a bed of pain, but she loves to talk of her young charge. She promptly subscribed for *The Record*, and said she wanted to work for its prosperity as soon as able. Her twin orphans, Fanny and Lida, wept bitterly when a home outside was proposed for them, and refused to leave her. Assistant Matron, Myrtilla, is from La Grange, G., and she enters into her work with cheerfulness and zeal.

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION Is located on Sixth Street, and there fourteen ruddy little ones from four to twelve years of age sang and recited for Aunt Jean. There were Mary, Minnie, Alma, Joshua Maria, Ella, Bertha, Norine, Cærinne, Maggie, Henry, John and Katie, all in a row like little stair steps. Sister Laura is a kind and zealous teacher.

DEAR FRIENDS—Send these little ones old clothes and provisions. They have all their winter coal, and five bushels of potatoes, and provisions. There are only fifteen dollars in the treasury. Thus far the managers have not touched the main fund, which was donated at the big Opera House meeting. They want to save that to buy a home. They meet every Wednesday and sew for the children. They mend and darn and make over all sorts of garments. Send them something you have worn.

Goodbye, friends, and God be with you till we meet again in this pleasant pen and ink way.

Faithfully yours,  
AUNT JEAN.

#### Young Mens Christian Association.

This institution was brought into notice in our last issue and we are enabled this week to publish their report of the work done during the month of September. The total attendance at their gospel meetings was 290; making an average of 72 each Sabbath. There were six young men who made request for prayer. Attendance at social meeting 108. Young men used games 269. Baths given to 261 young men. Total number of visits to the rooms, 1368; daily average 40. 67 young men used the correspondence desk. Employment was found for one. New members received 7.

This report shows to some extent how much this work is needed in our community. There is no doubt if it were in the condition such an institution should be kept in by the public its influence would be strongly felt throughout this community. Let us as good people who love good morals uphold them in their work and bid them God speed, and lend them a helping hand.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

##### of Protestant Infirmary

In submitting the first annual report of the Protestant Infirmary, I will have to enter somewhat into detail. In October 1889, the foundation of this laudable enterprise was laid, Miss Mary Harrison being the founder. At a meeting of the "Guild," she gave expression to her ardent desire to establish an Infirmary, declaring the great possibilities for it. She at once secured the hearty co-operation of the Guild. The subject was freely discussed, all possible information was obtained as to the management of such institutions in other places, and the by-laws were agreed upon. The work took substantial form on December 27th, by an election of eighteen managers, viz. Miss M. Harrison, Mrs. H. C. McDowell, Mrs. W. Warren, Mrs. G. M. Ockford, Mrs. E. Bacon, Mrs. G. W. Didlake, Mrs. B. W. Dudley, Mrs. A. Winston, Mrs. W. France, Mrs. W. Plunkett, Mrs. J. Frazier, Mrs. Ben. Bruce, Mrs. K. Akers, Mrs. W. C. Goodloe, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, Mrs. A. H. Lyne, Miss A. Chiles and Miss V. Johns. Owing to ill health, Mrs. Plunkett resigned in August. The Board received her resignation with regret, she being at all times prompt and efficient. Mrs. Williamson was elected to fill the vacancy. On December 30th, the first meeting of the managers convened, electing the following officers: Miss Harrison, President; Mrs. Akers, Vice President; Mrs. Didlake, Treasurer; Mrs. Dudley, Secretary. The Trustees are, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Akers.

Mrs. E. B. Woodward and Mrs. F. K. Hunt, constitute the Board of Inspectors, or visitors from "Christ Church Guild. Contributions of money for the purchase of property were most liberal and encouraging. Judging from the harvest reaped, some of the ladies proved to be veritable beggars. The Trustees after painstaking investigation, selected the property on East Short street, as most eligible, paying \$5.00 for it. Possession was given January 6th, 1890. Some needed improvements and repairs were made. Furniture, and everything necessary to beautify, and adorn the place was cheerfully given by loving friends irrespective of creed. The substantial department, the pantry, was not overlooked, being well filled by generous friends. The France and Robinson rooms, were entirely furnished in handsome style, by Mrs. France and Mrs. C. F. Simonds; nothing lacking, which would add to comfort, or taste. The Treasurer has rendered a report of the endowed beds. After the house was put in order, the next step was to secure a trained nurse. To find one with the requisite traits was difficult. Finally the services of Miss Agnes Frederick, of New York City, were secured. She arrived February 22. February 24th, the Protestant Infirmary was opened for the admission of patients. Owing to delicate health, Miss Frederick resigned on April 28.

The vacancy was filled by Miss Frances Jenkins, of Chicago, our present very efficient Superintendent. The money contributed was used in paying for the property. May 12th \$158.86 was received by the "Board of Managers," as the profits from the "Carnival" so kindly given by Mrs. Jeffreys, and her co-workers, for the benefit of the Infirmary. This enabled us to liquidate the indebtedness on the property, and to feel free. To this date, there have been thirty-one patients admitted, fifteen men, sixteen women. Of this number, two have died. Two-thirds of the patients have been charity patients. Invitations have been extended to the ministers of all denominations to conduct religious services on the Sabbath. Mr. Ward has held services several times, and signifies his willingness to do so whenever needed.

Services have been conducted by Mr. Milton, of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Tuckley of the Broadway Methodist church, Mr. French of St. Johns church, Mrs. Pew of the "King's daughters," and Mr. Hicks of the 1st Baptist church. It is the desire to have religious services every Sabbath afternoon. Miss Jenkins has two able assistants, Miss Larkins and Miss Ohlhouse. There are prospects of having two more nurses to arrive soon. Recently, there has been almost constant demand for the services of the nurses away from the Infirmary, the Institution deriving a fair income from this source. In fact, this department is almost self-sustaining. There are five persons employed in subordinate positions. A new, and interesting feature added to the Infirmary work recently, is "District nursing." The plan is to send out a nurse each day, if needed, to visit, and care for the sick among the poor. They are to devote all, or as much of each day as is necessary to this work.

The benefits are two-fold: viz: the sick are made comfortable, and the nurses gain knowledge, and experience. The committee for this work are, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. T. B. Ward and Miss Jenkins. There has been a fund created for the purchase of medicines, fruits, or anything needed for the use of the sick. \$17.65 has been collected as a beginning for this fund. We hope it will be remembered by charitable friends. We feel the urgent necessity for an addition of several rooms to the Institution, thereby enlarging its aims, and attaining to the very highest standard of usefulness. We are glad to welcome the "Lexington Record," as one of the latest friends of the Infirmary. Though of tender age, it bids fair to accomplish much good. The profits accruing from the publication will be given to the charity patients of the Infirmary. We wish it a prosperous career.

The Managers have held regular weekly meetings, and have given their best judgment to the work. Kindness, energy and a desire to do at all times, what was right have characterized their labors.

Before closing this report, I must speak most highly of our worthy President, under whose wise leadership so much good to the Infirmary has been accom-

plished. Her earnest labors and sympathetic interest have endeared her to all.

A. H. SAYRE,  
Secretary.

#### Though Absent, Still with Us.

Another letter from our friend, Mrs. Cronley, brings twenty dollars to the Guild, and different amounts to those whom she relieves of want when here. Although witnessing afar stupendous sights, "grand and glorious," she does not forget her friends at home.

#### Seventy-seven Years Old.

What a holy inspiration seizes us as we witness an aged lady bending with the infirmities of seventy-seven years, devoted to charity, active in spirit, loving in deed, giving, because she believes her "God wants her to do it." Can anything be lovelier than this, the sweet child-like faith that prompts the gift, because it is pleasing to her Heavenly Father? Our heart goes out to her, and may her last look on earth reflect the resplendent light of a Redeemer's.

M.

#### A New Feature.

The Protestant Infirmary has added a feature to their charity work. They are sending out charity nurses daily to care for the sick poor. They go wherever needed and supply medicine and nourishment to the helpless poor. They will wear a uniform of dark blue, with white cross on left shoulder, and the mission these good women are on ought certainly be a protection at all hours.—(Lexington State News).

#### Things Needed.

Will not some one give a second-hand stove for the use of a poor woman? A cooking-stove, monkey-stove, or any kind of stove. The Infirmary is in pressing need of chairs and lamps. A book-case is also greatly to be desired. Do not turn away from the seeming importunities of the ladies who continue to solicit for this enterprise, no matter how much they shrink from begging. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord.

#### Treasurer's Report.

Nannie B. Didlake, Treasurer, In act with Protestant Infirmary:

##### RECEIPTS.

January 1.

Proceeds of note .....	\$3,800 00
Endowments.....	464 00
Fines.....	9 00
Contents of P. O. Box .....	4 87
Infirmary receipts.....	250 54
Contributions.....	6,842 70
Total.....	\$11,371 11

##### EXPENDITURES.

Real Estate.....	\$1,200 00
" "	3,800 00
Work on building.....	431 51
Drugs.....	64 50
Milk.....	49 10
Rent .....	35 00
Salary to nurses.....	396 75
Payment of note.....	3,800 00
Interest on Note.....	120 54
General Expenses.....	1,897 98
September 30 Balance on hand	76 48
Total .....	\$11,371 11

The sick among the indigent poor are all reported as in good condition and no longer requiring immediate attention.

### **Church Taxation.**

Ignoring the fact that I may seem paradoxical in offering to suggest a stumbling-block in the way of the cause I would most advance, and altogether fearless of the criticism to which I may expose myself at the hands of my brother Christians, for I speak as such, and on a subject which must be of deep interest to each and every one who is at all interested in the spread of Christianity, not only to the remotest corner of the globe, but of our own fair country; yes, the community to which we belong as citizens; perchance, the very neighborhood in which we live as individuals, I humbly yet most earnestly call upon the State Constitutional Convention now in session, and particularly upon the committee on revenue and taxation, of which our own Judge P. P. Johnson is chairman, to take some action for the purpose of amending the law which exempts all church property from all taxation without conditions of any kind.

The suggestions I would offer I offer as such, seeking only the welfare, as I see it, of the church of the Living God; and particularly of that branch to which I belong, The Protestant Episcopal Church, the one, I think, falling most under my own condemnation.

I do not wish to be understood as favoring the taxation of churches in general and in the abstract, for that would be the arraying of the world against its own salvation, that for which it was created. But I am most decidedly in favor of taxing like any other property all churches which do not open their doors unreservedly to the poor and the outcast, and exempting fully and freely all those churches which are houses of God indeed, where all of every station may meet together alike in the presence of a common father, alike unworthy supplicants for mercy at the throne of Grace: Houses of the God who is Love, where none are excluded. I am well aware that it is claimed by most churches where the sittings are not free, that there is always plenty of room for all who may wish to be present and a welcome, and I am equally aware that such an invitation from such a source, while it does not exclude those persons who would be dependent on the church for "all those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul," it does exclude, more effectually than though the doors were literally barred with iron, many of the honest and industrious poor, the bulwark of the nation, whose self-respect and honest pride are their only safeguards along the humbler paths of life.

I will not dwell upon the unfairness of taxing the poor man's cottage at a much higher rate than would otherwise be necessary, that the churches which rent and even sell their sittings to the rich may go free, for that is not my purpose. Rather would I dwell upon the fact that the Church is not true to her trust, "Go preach the gospel to every creature." If she preaches by word of mouth only, repeating the God-given prayer, "Our

Father," and recognizing not the common brotherhood of man, and the fact that if the Gospel is not preached to the poor, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not preached; and though the Church through her pulpit and her services and her music, all but Heavenly, 'speak with the very tongues of men and of angel and has not charity, she is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.'

I will close this article by quoting the words of one who is respected by all, the bishop of the Church in Kentucky, in an article condemning the Church's inconsistency while dealing with the race question; the words of one whom I love and, if for no other reason than the article in question, honor for his Christian manhood. He says, "certainly it is no injustice to any-body that a number of Christians shall join together for the erection of a church and the provision of services; and in the architecture they shall select, the form of worship they shall employ, the doctrines they shall have proclaimed, they may please their own fancy or conscience, and no man has a right to complain. More than this, there is no more wrong in the appropriation of particular seats or particular persons who choose to pay therefor a price greater or less. Still further, the American Christians' pew is his castle, if he please to make it such, and no stranger may with impunity invade it. The religious club may, like other associations of that species, grant admission to the privileges of its club-house only by card, and no one has a right to complain. But when the religious club sets up a claim to be the visible Kingdom of God on earth, whose mission and ground of being are the making known the glad tidings to the poor and the outcast, what absurdity of contradiction is such exclusive selfishness!" And who may not add, what gross injustice for the religious club here described to claim exemption from taxation!

J. JONES.  
Lexington,  
Ky.

### **Spots on The Sun**

Crossing Market Street one rainy day in September, I met an ordinarily genteel looking woman who tilted her umbrella in one direction as I tilted mine in the other; thus recognizing my deference to her, as well as my right to a part of the crossing. I mention this, because it was the first time such a thing had happened in my experience. I had never before had the least notice from a woman for whom I had bared my head to the pelting storm, and madly plunged into the miry slough. It was the first time that I had ever met a woman on a crossing of a rainy day who, in any way, showed the least recognition of my ordinary gallantry of turning my umbrella out of her way, and betaking myself to the mud of the street.

No, a woman will always jag a man in the eyes with the points of her umbrella, or force him into the gutter, or jam him up against the wall, or else make him squat like a toad to the pavement in order to avoid a case of sore eyes, or a lacerated coun-

fenance. And yet if you should follow this woman to her home and, having the right, claim her hospitality, she would show a delicacy of consideration for your comfort that would be as poetry to a living sun, composed with the tenderest attention that one man ever pays another. She would drop her ball of worsted, (or something or other) twelve times, and twelve times, for picking it up, she would give you the dearest little courtesy, and the sweetest little smile imaginable; and you would wonder how a being so lovely, so tender, merciful, could, in a few minutes, meet you somewhere outside of her house, and see you floundering in the mud for her comfort, and only recognize it by juggling you in the eyes with her umbrella, or casting its drippings upon your unprotected derby. In a general way, I have no complaint to make of women, for really I think woman is the best thing in the world; not a bad woman, nor yet an indifferent woman; but what I mean is this, that, if I had to pick out the best thing in the world, I'd search in among the women for it. But in this world even the best things are imperfect; and one of the few faults of a woman is her imovable, and distressing practice of using her umbrella as a sort of "cowcatcher" against her male friends, whom she chances to meet of a rainy day, where the road is narrow and the mud is deep. And to this may be added her, almost impossibly silent method of acknowledging the gift of your seat in a railroad car, or other public conveyance; notwithstanding the fact of your having paid your hard cash for the seat, and that the surrender of it may involve weariness of standing, possibly through the whole of a long journey. But after all, with these exceptions, and one or two more that I might mention, I am ready to acknowledge the preeminence of woman in all that constitutes the good and the beautiful in this nocturnal world of ours. And even these faults, I mention, not that I care for the comfort of men, but solely from a desire to benefit the ladies, and to spare them the suffering, inseparable from sensitive natures, consequent upon well founded, but adverse criticism.

DODGER.

ELD. E. L. POWELL began his fourth year as pastor of the First Christian Church of Louisville the first Sunday in this month. There were seventy-nine additions to the church last year, making the total membership now 985. The church raised \$12,952.93 from all sources the past year, of which sum \$8,000 was contributed by the members direct, over \$3,300 by the Ladies' Relief Union, and \$522 by the Sunday school.

REV. J. K. NUNLEY is continuing his successful work for Georgetown College. There is a large number of new students than far several years. More than twenty are ministerial students. President Dudley is in his flock full of vigor and energy. Prof. J. E. Harvey returned happy with a newly married wife. Prof. Eastwood has bought a 100-foot lot on the Lexington avenue and will build a \$5,000 residence. Mrs. Geo. Cantrell is organizing a Library Association lecture course. Arrangements are being made to erect a new Baptist church, which will be a very large and handsome building.

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